

LESSONS 9 AND 10

Sight

Directions

1. Determine how the Latin or Greek root is related in meaning and spelling to each defined—KEY—word that follows it.
2. Learn the pronunciation and definition(s) of each KEY word, and notice how the words are used in sentences.
3. Practice using the varied forms of KEY words.
4. Build your knowledge with all the information given: Latin mottoes, Familiar Words, Challenge Words, and Nota Bene references.
5. Complete the exercises.

LESSON 9

Veni, vidi, vici.

I came, I saw, I conquered. —JULIUS CAESAR

Key Words		
improvise	refute	repose
ostensible	reiterate	reticent
ostentatious	repatee	visionary
	repertoire	

Familiar Words

react
recant
recede
recur
regress
reject
remember
reply
repress
repulse
require
respect
restrict
reverse
revise
revolve

Challenge Words

rebate
rebuff
rebuke
recapitulate
recriminate
redress
redundant
reincarnation
remit
repast
repercussion
replicate
reprehend
reprisal
reprobate
reprove
repudiate
rescind

RE <L. "back," "again"

1. **refute** (rĭ fyōōt') [*futare* <L. *refutare*, "to drive back"]
tr. v. To prove a statement or person to be incorrect; to disprove.

The women's marathon in the Olympics has **refuted** former claims that women are physically incapable of running long distances.

refutability, *n.*; **refutable**, *adj.*; **refutably**, *adv.*; **refuter**, *n.*;
refutation, *n.*

2. **reiterate** (rē ĭt'ə rāt) [*iterum* <L. "again"]
tr. v. To say over again.

Our coach **reiterated** her familiar advice: Don't exhaust yourself in the first quarter.

reiteration, *n.*; **reiterative**, *adj.*

3. **repartee** (rĕp'ər tē', rĕp'ər tā', rĕp'är tā')
[*partire* <L. "to part"]
n. 1. A quick, witty reply.

Their insulting **repartee** makes Beatrice and Benedick in *Much Ado About Nothing* one of Shakespeare's favorite couples.

2. Conversation characterized by such remarks.

Although gifted at small talk and **repartee**, he seems incapable of serious discussion.

NOTA BENE: Many words have a similar *denotation*, or dictionary definition, but differ in their *connotation*, the ideas a word suggests beyond its definition. For example, *answer* and *reply* are neutral in connotation. On the other hand, while both *repartee* and *retort* can be defined as "a witty reply," they differ in their connotation. Someone might compliment you by saying, "You are well known for your repartee," meaning you make witty "come-backs" in conversation. You might be less pleased to hear "You are well known for your retorts," for you are being told that your replies in argument are sharp and often turn an opponent's words against him or her.

4. **repertoire** (rĕp'ər twär) Also *repertory*. [*parire* <L. "to produce"]
n. 1. The stock of plays, stories, songs, or other pieces that a player or company is prepared to perform.

A march by John Philip Sousa is part of almost every school band's **repertoire**.

2. The skills or accomplishments of a particular person or group.

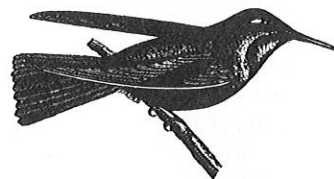
Most chefs have a recipe for chocolate mousse in their **repertoires**.

5. **repose** (rě pōz')

[*pose* = *positum* <L. *reponere*, "to rest"]

n. A rest; a peaceful state.

Because a hummingbird's wings move so rapidly in flight, the markings on its wings can be observed only when the bird is in **repose**.



tr. v. To place trust in or expectations on something.

In *The Grapes of Wrath* the Joad family leaves its Oklahoma dust bowl farm and **reposes** its hopes on new opportunities to be found in California.

intr. v. To rest.

During the middle of the day, many people in the tropics take a siesta, a time to **repose** until the heat dies down.

reposal, *n.*; **reposeful**, *adj.*; **reposer**, *n.*

6. **reticent** (rět'ə sənt) [*tacere* <L. "to be silent"]

adj. Of a silent nature; reserved in manner.

Although habitually **reticent**, he spoke out eloquently against injustice.

reticence, *n.*; **reticently**, *adv.*

OSTENDO, OSTENDERE, OSTENDI, OSTENSUM

<L. "to exhibit"

7. **ostensible** (ō stěn'sə bəl)

adj. Pretended; given as an excuse, to conceal the real reason.

Although her **ostensible** purpose at the courthouse was to meet a client, she really came to pick up information.

ostensibly, *adv.*

8. **ostentatious** (ōs'těn tā'shəs)

adj. Showy; intended to impress people.

They had an **ostentatious** wedding reception with a thousand guests and a ten-foot-high cake.

ostentation, *n.*; **ostentatiously**, *adv.*

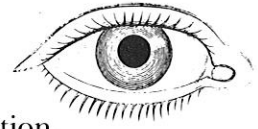


Familiar Words

advise
envision
interview
invisible
preview
provide
review
revision
supervise
survey
television
view
vision

Challenge Words

belvedere
clairvoyant
invidious
visa
voyeur

VIDEO, VIDERE, VIDI, VISUM <L. "to see"**9. improvise** (im'prə vīz) [*in* <L. "not"]

tr. v. 1. To make up something without preparation.

Surprised by the nomination, she had to **improvise** her acceptance speech.

2. To make or provide from materials on hand.

The shipwrecked crew **improvised** a boat from barrel staves.

improvisation, *n.*; **improvisational**, *adj.*; **improvised**, *adj.*;
improvisatory, *adj.*

10. visionary (vīzh'ən ər'ē)

adj. 1. Existing only in imagination; fanciful; not practical.

The Jamestown settlers were long on **visionary** schemes but short on funds and common sense.

2. Characterized by vision or forethought.

Ida B. Wells's **visionary** goal was equal justice for Americans of all races.

EXERCISE 9A

Circle the letter of the best SYNONYM (the word or phrase most nearly the same as the word in bold-faced type).

1. to **reiterate** instructions a. meditate on b. confuse c. explain
d. repeat e. revise
2. their **ostensible** destination a. pretended b. intended c. former
d. discreet e. unreachable
3. to seek **repose** a. improvement b. revenge c. tranquility
d. refutation e. relocation

Circle the letter of the best ANTONYM (the word or phrase most nearly opposite the word in bold-faced type).

4. overcome your **reticence** a. weakness b. shyness c. talkativeness
d. silliness e. elation
5. a(n) **ostentatious** outfit a. expensive b. understated
c. obsequious d. monstrous e. becoming
6. enact **visionary** legislation a. forward-looking b. improvised
c. foolish d. antiquated e. extravagant
7. claims difficult to **refute** a. repeat b. remember c. prove correct
d. disbelieve e. keep watch on